



Illinois Forestry Incentives Program (FIP)

MAY 2001

Program Objectives:

To provide Federal cost-share assistance to eligible private land owners to increase the timber productivity of Illinois forest lands.

Eligibility:

Non-industrial private landowners with an ownership of no more than 1,000 acres. Lands in need of afforestation, reforestation or timber stand improvement and capable of producing at least 50 cu.ft./ac./yr. Must have a Forest Management Plan approved or developed by an Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources forester.

Practices:

FP1 - Tree Planting; FP2 - Timber Stand Improvement; FP3 - Site Preparation for Natural Regeneration.

Limitations:

No more than \$10,000 may be earned per year. Acreage limitations: 5 acre minimum for FP1; 10 acre minimum for other practices.

Illinois Activity:

Approximately 25 FIP practices per year completed and \$25,000 to \$30,000 in financial assistance (cost-share) provided per year. Average acreage about 30 per practice, nearly all are FP2, Timber Stand Improvement. Designated FIP counties total 45 but only 10 to 15 participate in an average year, mostly in the south and west.

Administration:

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1902 Fox Drive, Champaign IL 61820, 217/353-6647.

Technical Assistance:

Contact local District Forester, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Forest Resources Division, or Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Forest Resources Division, 600 No. Grand Ave. West, Springfield, IL 62706, 217/782-2361.

For Local Information and Assistance:

Contact nearest USDA Service Center, ask for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Applications Accepted At:

Nearest NRCS office, on continuous basis, no designated sign-up period, limited funds may delay practice approval.



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